

## David Mead

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**From:** Nic D <snobunnie1992@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 04, 2012 1:28 PM  
**To:** Rep. Frank Foster  
**Cc:** David Mead  
**Subject:** Vote NO -- SB 1350 (stop labeling wolves as gaming animals)

Dear Mr. Foster:

Please vote **NO for SB 1350** that makes wolves as gaming animals.

1. The wolf population is still recovering and should be re-enlisted back on the Endangered Species List. This SB 1350 is supported by hunting organizations who even want to use barbaric methods such as trappings (which could harm humans and domestic pets) and dogs to hunt wolves.
2. Evidence has shown that wolves rarely are able to hunt livestock and paying farmings for dead livestock will inevitably cause more lawsuits and wasted funds on defending these suits.

As humans, we invaded their habitat and we kill them just because some humans don't like wolves. The few losses on livestock are reimbursed. It is just in the minds of humans to destroy another creature of this planet that has a right to be, nothing more and nothing new. How many species are extinct and we the human were the cause

You have the power to do something. I will not visit MI or buy any products that are made in MI (including cars that are manufactured in MI) until wolf hunting ceases. I will encourage others to do the same.

Kind regards,  
Nickie Dee

**David Mead**

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**From:** Sandra Walker <sandrawalker670@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 04, 2012 12:52 PM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Subject:** wolf hunt bill that is now in the house committee

Sir,

I have been made aware of a pending bill in regard to wolf hunts that are planned in your state. I have ties to your great state and would like to vacation there soon.

However, I can not do so as I am strongly opposed to the killing of these creatures. For my family and I, this is a moral issue as I am sure that you are aware that these magnificent creatures have as much right to life as you and I do.

I will follow closely what happens with this bill. Please re-consider and vote this bill down. We need to respect our animal life and I truly hope that you will do the right thing.

Sincerely,  
Sandra J Walker  
[sandrawalker670@gmail.com](mailto:sandrawalker670@gmail.com)  
732-773-0580

Please feel free to contact me any time in regard to this matter.

**David Mead**

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**From:** BLACKWOLFshadowv@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 04, 2012 12:22 PM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Subject:** WOLVES

***WE HAVE A CABIN IN MICHIGAN AND I CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WANT TO KILL THESE MAGNIFICENT CREATURES I KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE IN MICHIGAN THEY ALL FEEL THE SAME WAY WHY????????????? YOU ARE SO HEARTLESS AND CRUEL THESE ANIMALS HAVE MORE RIGHTS TO BE HERE THAN WE DO GOD MADE THEM FIRST AND MAN SECOND TO TAKE CARE OF THEM IT SEEMS LIKE ALL MAN WANTS TO DO IS DESTROY !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!***

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**From:** Fabio Fina <ffina@students.naropa.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 04, 2012 11:31 AM  
**To:** David Mead; Rep. Frank Foster; Cath Petroskey; Rep. Kevin Daley (District 82)  
**Subject:** Wolf Management Plan

Hello,

My name is Fabio, I am 28 years old and currently reside on Linden Ave in Asheville, NC.

It came to my attention that Michigan is currently deciding and the status of wolves and I want to offer a few points for your consideration. These below are taken, and I agree with them, from a local nonprofit called Honor the Earth.

1. We must be careful to ensure the protection of the wolf from adverse effects that could lead to a need for its relisting as a threatened or endangered species.
2. State law-makers should respect and consider the beliefs, concerns and traditional ecological knowledge of its first peoples. The Anishinaabe have special ties to wolves - Ma'iingan. "What happens to Anishinaabe, happens to Ma'iingan, and what happens to Ma'iingan, happens to Anishinaabe," our oral history and teachings advise. We are concerned with the long-term survival of wolves in the state, which is truly believed to signify the fate of our survival.
3. Resolution (KB-1902-2012) was passed by the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Council opposed to any change in the law that allows hunting and/or trapping of the gray wolf in Michigan in order to preserve the ecological balance of predator-prey and protect the sanctity of Ma'iingan for the Anishinaabe.
4. Wolf related conflicts range in severity from perceived conflict (such as visual presence of a wolf) to actual aggressive or predatory behavior (such as witnessed predation of domestic animals on private property). Wolves are not likely to attack any person who does not deliberately incite aggression (by provoking or feeding). Education efforts that increase awareness and understanding should be the number one tool used to minimize wolf-human conflict - much conflict is rooted in stereotypes and misconceptions about the wolf.
5. Where actual threats are identified, the severity, immediacy and frequency of safety threats could guide management responses as already stated in the State of Michigan Wolf Management Plan.
6. There are alternative wolf management opportunities and non-lethal methods that could be used where threat of a wolf warrants action, as opposed to an open hunting season.  
Wolves are not eaten, they would be unethically hunted for sport.

Thank you for your attention. This issue is important even to people outside the State of Michigan.  
Please consider the impact on a large scale.

Thank you,

Fabio Fina

**David Mead**

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**From:** jim scotto <jim\_scotto@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 04, 2012 11:18 AM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Subject:** wolf hunt

Hi David,

I hope you are well.

Please say "no" to SB 1350. Wolves are just trying to live their lives - why must there even be talk of a hunt? If time permits, please reply.

Jim

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**From:** Christy Chaney <cchain32@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 04, 2012 10:20 AM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Subject:** please vote NO

Pure, simple and straight to the point.....please vote "NO" on SB 1350. Please let Michigan be the state of reason based on integrity and compassion. Please don't play follow the leader just because it sounds good. They other states got it WRONG. Be a leader and do the right thing. What makes man the judge, jury and executioner when it comes to deciding which species lives and which dies just for following the basic instinct in life.....FEED TO SURVIVE. Wolves deserve to live....please be the ONE that makes a difference for them.

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**From:** Bonnie James <b3james@att.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 04, 2012 10:19 AM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Subject:** SAVE THE WOLVES

SAVE THE WOLVES. YOU HAVE THE POWER TO DO THIS. BE HUMANE AND NOT A KILLER.

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Bonnie~~~ This message is for the designated recipient only and may contain privileged, proprietary or private information. If you have received it in error, please notify the sender immediately and delete the original. Any other use of the email by you is prohibited.

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**From:** Denali Integrative <denaliintegrative@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 04, 2012 9:54 AM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Subject:** Michigan Wolves

Please protect the Michigan Wolves.  
~Jade Jaffe



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**From:** Lynn McIntosh <Imarie003@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 04, 2012 9:25 AM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Cc:** Rep. Peter MacGregor  
**Subject:** Important citizen comments re: today's discussion of SB 1328

Dear Mr. Mead,

I realize that the submission of this document is very late, but I was unaware of the significant changes being proposed to Part 201 until yesterday. The thoughts expressed in this document are hard-earned ones and reflect two years of citizens' efforts to keep the DEQ involved in a thorough investigation and clean-up of a contaminated facility located smack dab in the middle of a small residential community and on the banks of highly utilized recreational river, the Rogue River. It has been an uphill battle all the way. At many junctures, because of limits and/or loopholes/cracks in state law, the DEQ was very limited in its abilities to regulate the demolition of this 100 year old tannery site. How can one regulate a demolition if a company is not required to do pre-demolition testing because they are not technically listed as a 'facility,' and because they have no plans to sell the property? Citizens are weary of "the explaining away" process on the part of elected officials, environmental lawyers, and a DEQ staff already limited by inadequacies in Part 201 Clean-up laws and requirements. Please ensure **effective accountability procedures** before changing laws that are already not being taken seriously.

If you are able to present this letter during a break in the meeting today, that would be greatly appreciated. I plan to forward this letter to my state representative, Peter MacGregor, and to other legislative staff or DEQ that I think might benefit from reading it.

Thank you very much,  
Lynn M. McIntosh 616-866-4334

Could you verify, by e-mail, that you have received this document?

There are an estimated 700 wolves in the state of Michigan. (Photo courtesy of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)

**Host:** Rebecca Williams  
**Report date:** 12/04/2012

This is the Environment Report. I'm Rebecca Williams.

The Michigan legislature is moving closer to allowing a hunting season for gray wolves. The state Senate voted to designate the wolf as a game species last week. There are around 700 wolves in Michigan, mostly in the western Upper Peninsula.

If the legislature makes the wolf a game species, then wildlife officials will still have to justify that a hunt is necessary and that it won't harm wolf recovery. Bob Allen reports:

Under state law, there can't be a recreational wolf hunt for any old reason.

Wildlife officials would have to show that a hunt is warranted and that it would meet the goal of reducing wolf-human conflicts.

Adam Bump is a wildlife biologist with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

"We've never had a wolf hunt in Michigan. We don't know this is exactly what will happen if we do the following steps."

DNR has a lot of information about wolf numbers, pack sizes and locations.

Wildlife officials also track incidents when wolves attack and kill or wound livestock or pets.

That's referred to as depredation.

But some question whether a hunt is the best way to deal with it.

Jimmie Mitchell is head of Natural Resources for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in Manistee.

"The tribes oppose the wolf hunt based on the absence of information related to wise management practices. We don't know whether or not the amount of depredation events that are occurring are enough of a reason to initiate a hunt."

Mitchell speaks on behalf of five tribes that are part of a legal agreement with the state over treaty hunting and fishing rights.

DNR will have to consult with them before a wolf hunt is approved, and if the tribes aren't satisfied there's a good reason for it, they have the option of going back to federal court. (You can learn more in [this recent Environment Report story](#))

Senator Tom Casperson from the Upper Peninsula sponsored the measure to classify wolves as a game animal. He recognizes that the state and private landowners have the authority now to kill wolves that are causing problems.

But he says that still isn't good enough to control the population.

"I think the hunting community plays a key role in helping us get there. And to exclude them from the process, I think is a mistake."

Casperson is hearing from hunters who complain that wolves are killing too many deer. And he points to reports about wolves coming right into people's back yards in the far western U.P.

He says it may make sense just to target a few counties there instead of a full blown hunt.

The Natural Resources Commission decides if there's to be a hunt and what the rules will be, not the legislature.

What researchers do know is that wolves will respond to any decrease in their numbers.

Wildlife biologist Rolf Peterson has studied wolf behavior on Isle Royale for more than 40 years. He says a public hunt could split the animals into smaller packs and actually increase reproduction.

"It's sort of if you kill one wolf, two come to the funeral. I mean that's just a common sense way of expressing the ability of wolves to respond to any sort of increase in mortality."

Peterson says a hunt designed to reduce conflicts with humans could work, depending on what wolves were killed and how many. But he thinks it would have to be in a very small area.

But Peterson says over the last decade trained professionals have shown that they can move in quickly and get rid of problem animals.

"Wolf hunting by the public is not about solving problems, for the most part. It's about people's desire to kill wolves for whatever reason that might be."

The law requires the DNR to manage according to best science that is available to them. And in this case, DNR biologist Adam Bump says, the agency doesn't know for sure how even a targeted hunt would change pack behavior or solve conflicts with humans.

"We can look at a lot of those things. But some of those questions you're just not going to have concrete solid answers for before you move forward."

If a public hunt is approved, he says, the DNR would monitor closely what happens and adapt to changes over time.

For the Environment Report, I'm Bob Allen.

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**From:** jack parker <jprockdoctor@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 04, 2012 9:06 AM  
**To:** David Mead; Cath Petroskey  
**Cc:** Catherine Parker; Nancy Warren; Jessica Koski  
**Subject:** Re: Michigan Radio: The Environment Report - Debate Continues over Wolf Hunt

Thanks for the article from [environmentreport.org](http://environmentreport.org) "[Debate continues over Michigan wolf hunt](http://environmentreport.org)". I like it and the reasoning behind it.

I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT WE FOLLOW THE GUIDANCE FROM REAL WOLF EXPERTS SUCH AS MESSRS BUMP, PETERSON AND MITCHELL, ALLOWING MR CASPERSON TO GO BACK QUIETLY TO HIS LOGGING TRUCKS. THERE IS OBVIOUSLY NO REASON TO RUSH THE EVALUATION PROCESS IN MICHIGAN.

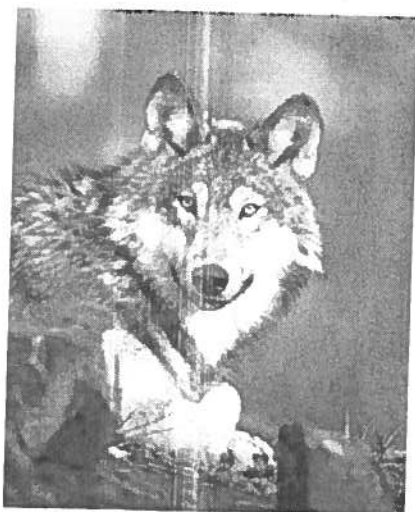
THE WOLVES BELONG TO THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN, ALL OF US, NOT TO A HANDFUL OF WOULD-BE PSEUDO HUNTERS.

Jack Parker, Mining Engineer  
Baltic MI 49963

On Tue, Dec 4, 2012 at 7:57 AM, Nancy & Al Warren <[nwarren1@earthlink.net](mailto:nwarren1@earthlink.net)> wrote:

<http://environmentreport.org/>

## DEBATE CONTINUES OVER MICHIGAN WOLF HUNT



From: Sharon Noll Smith ([rfarrellsmith@att.net](mailto:rfarrellsmith@att.net))  
To: David Mead, Clerk of House Natural Resources  
Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee  
([dmead@house.mi.gov](mailto:dmead@house.mi.gov))  
Date: Tuesday, December 5, 2012  
Subject: Wolf Hunting Bill  
CC: [jfritz@humanesociety.org](mailto:jfritz@humanesociety.org)

Dear Mr. Mead:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to wolves in Michigan being added to the game list at this time. The wolf has been on the endangered list in Michigan since 1973, after being nearly exterminated by irresponsible hunting and thoughtless mismanagement. . It has taken nearly 40 years to restore the wolf population to a viable number.

No scientific evidence whatsoever exists at this time to support resuming the hunting of wolves. Wolves are not aggressive toward human beings. Indeed, they are reclusive, seldom seen, and avoid human contact. There certainly is no overpopulation of wolves in Michigan at this time.

Most importantly, this legislation is being rushed through the legislature without the promised studies from the Wolf Management Round Table, which I understand is meeting this very week. It would be precipitous and ill considered of the House to consider this bill at this time, and I respectfully request that your committee decline to do so in the absence of any input from the Wolf Management Round Table.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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**From:** Craig-Karen <craigkaren.cummins@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 04, 2012 2:29 PM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Subject:** Please Vote NO to SB 1350

Please vote "NO" on SB 1350. A nation of supporters are depending on you!

Craig-Karen Cummins  
New Mexico

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**From:** desiderata@optonline.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 04, 2012 2:05 PM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Subject:** Barbaric Hunt, SB 1350

Please vote "NO" on SB 1350 !!

Sincerely,  
Debra Hubbs